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I. THE WEEK IN REVIEW

BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE --

THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (JULY 24-29) BEGAN WITH INDICATIONS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR DONNEYBROOK OVER CUBA'S ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT. DESPITE PRESIDENT TITO'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS TAKING TO TASK UNNAMED "HEGEMONISTS" (A NAM CODEWORD FOR THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES, INCLUDING CUBA), MOST OBSERVERS AGREE THAT THE CUBAN ISSUE WAS SET ASIDE AT THE RECENT KHARTOUM OAU MEETINGS. AFRICANS COM-
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PRISE SOME 60 PERCENT OF NAM MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR RECENT REDEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF POSITIVE NON-ALIGNMENT, AS WELL AS HARD FOUGHT COMPROMISE OAU TREATMENT OF THE FOREIGN INTERVENTION ISSUE (VIZ, AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS, EXCEPT WHEN ONE OF US NEEDS HELP) SHOULD SET THE TONE FOR TREATMENT OF THE CUBAN QUESTION AT BELGRADE. STILL, AVOIDANCE OF A MAJOR SHOWDOWN ON CUBA DOES NOT MEAN AN ABSENCE OF IDEOLOGICAL CONTROVERSY, THOUGH SUCH CONTROVERSY WILL LIKELY BE CONTAINED IN THE INTERESTS OF NAM UNITY. (SEE BELGRADE 7360 FOR NAM BACKGROUND AND STATE 187268 FOR

A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE OAU SUMMIT).

THE CAE'S NEW GOVERNMENT-- MORE OF THE SAME --

NEW PRIME MINISTER HENRI MAIDOU HAS SELECTED ANOTHER TECHNOCRAT GOVERNMENT, WITH YOUNG CAPABLE MEN AT THE HELM OF MOST MINISTRIES. UNFORTUNATELY ONE OF THE WEAK LINKS IS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JEAN-PAUL MOKODOPO, WHO HAS SERVED WITHOUT DISTINCTION IN MOST BOKASSA GOVERNMENTS AND WHO AGAIN BRINGS HIS GOOD WILL, BUT LIMITED TALENT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ATTACKS ON BENINESE COMMUNITY IN GABON --

THE BENINESE COMMUNITY, ESTIMATED AT 20,000, IS SUFFERING FOR REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT KEREKOU AT THE OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE, ACCUSING GABON OF COMPLICITY IN THE JANUARY 1977 COUP ATTEMPT IN BENIN. FOLLOWING BONGO'S REPLY TO KEREKOU AND PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO LIBREVILLE, THE GABONESE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU ISSUED A THREATENING STATEMENT TO BENINESE RESIDENTS IN GABON. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE CENTRAL MARKET AREA, WHICH HOUSES
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MOST BENINESE SHOPS, WAS LOOTED AND BURNED AND INDIVIDUAL BENINESE AND OTHER EXPATRIATE AFRICANS WERE ATTACKED. UPON HIS RETURN TO GABON, JULY 23, BONGO SAID HE WOULD HOLD A MEETING TO CONSIDER REPATRIATION OF THE BENINESE COMMUNITY BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO ASSURE ITS CONTINUED SECURITY. (SEE LAST PARA FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENT.)

BURUNDI MAY EXPEL AMERICAN MISSIONARY --

LEONARD ROBINSON, 32-YEAR RESIDENT OF BURUNDI AND CHIEF OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST ACTIVITIES, WAS ISSUED AN ORDER OF EXPULSION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI ON JULY 23. THE EXPULSION IS THE CULMINATION OF A LONG-STANDING ORGANIZATIONAL DISPUTE WITH INDIGENIOUS CHURCH LEADERS WITH STRONG UNDERTONES OF TUTSI/HUTU POLITICS. THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR CORCORAN THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ROBINSON AND HAD DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE BURUNDIANS.

WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY OFFICIAL CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI OVER THE EXPULSION, SUGGESTING THAT BURUNDI MIGHT MORE PROPERLY ENCOURAGE THE PARTIES TO SETTLE INTERNAL CHURCH DISPUTES WITHOUT RECOURSE TO GOVERNMENT ACTIONS.

ETHIOPIA --

THE ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND ANNOUNCED LATE JULY 25 THE RECAPTURE OF SEVERAL TOWNS FROM THE ERITREANS INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT CITY OF TESSENAI WHICH CONTROLS ACCESS WEST INTO SUDAN. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DESCRIBED PROGRESS OF ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVES ON NORTHERN FRONT DATED FROM JUNE 5. ETHIOPIAN REPORTS APPEAR ACCURATE. ADVANCES ON THE NORTHERNFRONT ARE IMPRESSIVE. GAINS HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF ONLY ONE OF THE THREE ERITREAN LIBERATION GROUPS (THE ELF) WHICH HAS BEEN SUF-
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FERING FROM SERIOUS INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES FOR SOME MONTHS. ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE NOT YET ENCOUNTERED THE TOUGHEST ERITREAN FORCES, (EPLF) NOR THE MOST DIFFICULT TERRAIN. THE POLITICAL ADVANTAGES FROM THE GAINS MADE ARE NOT YET SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT A CHANGE IN THE HARDLINE ETHIOPIAN POLICY OF SEEKING A MILITARY VICTORY. IF ANYTHING, COMBAT EXPECTED TO INTENSIFY.

RENEWAL OF INCIDENTS IN THE OGADEN --

FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A NEW UPSPRING OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE WSLF IN THE OGADEN RECENTLY.

NEW FACES IN NIGERIA --

THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (THE CABINET-LIKE BODY) FOLLOWING THE JULY 24 RESHUFFLE AND REASSIGNMENT OF FOUR MILITARY COMMISSIONERS. THE BIGGEST SURPRISE WAS THE NAMING OF MAJ. GEN. H.E.O. ADEFOPE AS THE NEW COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, REPLACING BRIGADIER JOSEPH GARBA WHO BECOMES COMMANDANT OF THE NIGERIAN DEFENSE ACADEMY. EMBASSY LAGOS NOTES THAT ADEFOPE IS PLEASANT, BUT WAS NOT CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN HIS FORMER POSITION AS COMMISSIONER FOR LABOR, YOUTH, SPORTS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALHAJI M.D. YUSUF, FORMERLY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, AS COMMISSIONER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND THE DECISION NOT TO

REPLACE COL. BUHARI AS COMMISSIONER FOR PETROLEUM.
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BUHARI'S DUTIES APPARENTLY DEVOLVE UPON THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. YUSUF HAS BEEN AN EFFECTIVE AND HIGHLY RESPECTED HEAD OF POLICE AND HIS APPOINTMENT UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER DURING

THE TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN RULE.

LAST WEEK WE MISTAKENLY REPORTED THAT ALL NEW STATE ADMINISTRATORS WOULD COME FROM THE RANKS OF THE AIR FORCE AND

NAVY. IN FACT, THEY WILL COME FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES. THIS IS CLEARLY AN EFFORT TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF JUNIOR OFFICERS FOR A SHARE OF THE PERQUISITES OF OFFICE PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF CIVILIAN RULE AND COMES AMIDST CONTINUING RUMORS OF COUP PLOTTING AMONG THE MIDDLE RANKS.

NEW TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER --

IN CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED JULY 24, THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT REPLACED FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO, NEWLY ELECTED OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, WITH ANANI KUMA AKAKPO-AHIANYO, PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.

DISCUSSION WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA --

ON JULY 25 REPRESENTATIVES FROM HA AND AF BRIEFED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE ON IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE IN GUINEA. IT WAS NOTED THAT AI'S RECENT REPORT, WHICH WAS VERY CRITICAL OF GUINEA, SEEMED TO BE LARGELY BASED ON OLD INFORMATION. THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO CONVEY OUR IMPRESSIONS OF CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN GUINEA TO THE AI LONDON OFFICE.

GHANA: AKUFFO CONTINUES GRADUAL SHAKEUP --
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THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF GHANA CONTINUES WHAT ITS RADIO STATION CALLS "A DRIVE TO PURGE THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY." THE HOUSECLEANING SO FAR HAS INCLUDED:

-- THE DISMISSAL OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF, GENERAL KOTEL, WHO WAS RETIRED AND REPLACED BY A BRIGHT, WELL-REGARDED OFFICER;

-- THE FIRING OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE COCOA MARKETING BOARD, WHO WAS KNOWN FOR CORRUPTION;

-- RECALL OF OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS IN CIVILIAN JOBS, IN A MOVE THE GOVERNMENT CALLED "BACK TO THE BAR-RACKS;" AND

-- SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO PERSONAL PROFITERRING BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

AKUFFO HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED A MIXED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE RESPECTED COMMISSIONER OF

ECONOMIC PLANNING, TO ADVISE HIM ON ECONOMIC REFORMS. MEANWHILE, THE COUNTRY'S LAWYERS ENDED THEIR STRIKE. THEIR SERVICES WERE HARDLY MISSED, BUT THEIR RECONCILIATION IS GOOD NEWS FOR AKUFFO. THE LAWYERS' LIST OF DEMANDS IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MODERATE OPPOSITION, AND THE FACT THAT THEY WERE PUBLISHED SHOWS THE NEW CLIMATE PREVAILING SINCE ACHEAMPONG'S OUSTER. AN IMF TEAM ARRIVES IN ACCRA ABOUT AUGUST 1 TO EVALUATE GHANA'S EFFORT AT ECONOMIC REFORM.

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LESOTHO: ROYAL VISIT VETOED --

LESOTHO HAS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY THE PRIVATE VISIT TO THE US OF ITS MONARCH, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THE VISIT HAS BEEN PUT OFF BECAUSE OF WHAT OUR EMBASSY CONSIDERS "BYZANTINE" POLITICAL INFIGHTING IN MASERU. THE KING, WHOSE CONTINUING POLITICAL POPULARITY IS DEEPLY FEARED BY THE REGIME SINCE ITS UNSUCCESSFUL 1973 ATTEMPT TO EXILE HIM, HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR A LOW-PROTOCOL TRIP TO VISIT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS OF RELEVANCE TO LLDC LESOTHO. THE GOL DECIDED THERE SHOULD BE NO TRIP UNLESS IT INCLUDED A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ("KINGS CAN'T JUST LOOK AT COWS," COMPLAINED THE FOREIGN MINISTER). UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE DEIGNED TO INFORM THE KING. LESOTHO WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RESURRECT THE PROPOSAL NEXT YEAR IN THE FORM OF A NEW REQUEST -- WHICH AF/S WOULD NOT SUPPORT -- FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

SENATE COMPLETES ACTION ON SSA --

THE SENATE COMPLETED ACTION ON THE SSA ON JULY 26, AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO AFRICA:

-- THE JAVITS/CASE SUBSTITUTE TO THE HELMS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 59-36. HELMS WITHDREW HIS AMENDMENT AFTER AN ALTERNATIVE OFFERED BY SENATOR DANFORTH WHICH CALLED FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA FOR THREE MONTHS WAS TABLED BY A VOTE OF 54-42. (SEE STATE 189465). IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONGRESSMAN ICHORD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO LIFT SANCTIONS WHEN THE HOUSE TAKES UP THE SSA BILL EARLY THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, BUT BECAUSE OF HOUSE RULES GOVERNING GERMANENESS, SUCH AN AMENDMENT MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT FORM THAN THE HELMS OR CASE/JAVITS AMENDMENTS. AF AND H ARE WORKING

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CLOSELY WITH HOUSE STAFFERS AND NGO'S TO DEFEAT ANY HOUSE ATTEMPT TO MODIFY OUR POLICY ON SANCTIONS.

-- THE SENATE ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT BY HARRY BYRD TO CUT THE DOLS 40 MILLION ADDED TO THE BILL FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA BY THE SFRC.

-- THE SENATE AGREED TO REINSTATE THE PROHIBITION ON SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA, AND TANZANIA UNLESS THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD FURTHER THE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

-- THE SENATE ADOPTED A CASE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD EARMARK DOLS 10 MILLION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA FUNDS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR RHODESIANS, AND DOLS 10 MILLION FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR RHODESIANS. (FLOOR DEBATE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS MONEY IS INTENDED FOR RHODESIAN REFUGEES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA.)

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ITEMS --

THE SFRC IS EXPECTED TO VOTE AUGUST 2 ON THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN CONDEMNATION OF UGANDA WHICH WAS PASSED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE HOUSE.

THE HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA STATED ITS INTENTION TO HOLD HEARINGS ON THE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE UNITED STATES SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER.

-- RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS ARE COVERED IN PRETORIA 4302 REPEATED TO YOU.

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II. ISSUES TO WATCH

ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RELATIONS --

ZAIRIAN NEWS SOURCES REPORT THAT ZAIRE AND ANGOLA WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITALS BY THE END OF THE WEEK. THE REPORT STATES THAT MOBUTU AND NETO HELD TWO MEETINGS AT KHARTOUM AND SPECULATES THAT ANOTHER MEETING IS BEING PLANNED.

ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IDZUMBUIR HAS CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR CUTLER THAT ANGOLAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN KINSHASA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO EXPLORE ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR SETTING UP A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. HE ADDED THAT CONGOLESE PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR AN EARLY MEETING IN BRAZZAVILLE BETWEEN MOBUTU AND NETO.

KENYA-MILITARY ASSISTANCE --

WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY FORMAL REACTION FROM THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT TO GENERAL HILL'S PROPOSAL ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE DO KNOW THE KENYANS ARE LESS THAN HAPPY OVER THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT OFFER FIRM MULTIYEAR FMS FINANCING.

THE SOURCES OF THE ADDITIONAL DOLS 12 MILLION IN FY-1978 FMS CREDITS WHICH GENERAL HILL OFFERED TO THE KENYANS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATED BY UNDER SECRETARY BENSON AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL. THE SOURCES ARE: JORDAN-DOLS 4 MILLION, MOROCCO-DOLS 2 MILLION, MALAYSIA-DOLS 2.5 MILLION, THAILAND-DOLS 1 MILLION, TAIWAN-DOLS 1.5 MILLION, AND PANAMA-DOLS 1 MILLION.

A SHIP VISIT TO MOGADISCIO --

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WE ARE INFORMING THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THEIR INVITATION FOR A US NAVY SHIP TO VISIT A SOMALI PORT. WE INTEND TO SCHEDULE A COMIDEASTFOR DESTROYER INTO MOGADISCIO IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER.

PRC MEETING ON SOMALIA --

THE SECRETARY HAS SCHEDULED A PRC MEETING ON JULY 31 TO DISCUSS SOMALIA. THE MEETING WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE QUESTION OF THE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RESCHEDULED SINCE THE GSDR WAS INFORMED OF A TWO-WEEK POSTPONEMENT ON JULY 3. ALTERNATIVES TO RESCHEDULING THE TEAM VISIT TO BE CONSIDERED ARE AN IMPACT PACKAGE WITHOUT

A TEAM VISIT, THE SETTING OF MORE EXPLICIT CONDITIONS BEFORE THE RESCHEDULING OF THE TEAM, THE DEFERRING OF ANY DECISION, AND THE CANCELING OF THE TEAM AS PART OF A DECISION NOT TO ENTER INTO A MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

NIGERIA: "INDIGENIZATION" --

AS THE DECEMBER 31 COMPLIANCE DATE DRAWS NEAR FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES IN NIGERIA TO ADJUST TO THE TERMS OF THE NIGERIAN ENTERPRISES PROMOTION DECREE, WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN HELPING FIRMS OBTAIN ADEQUATE COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR THE FORCED SALE OF EQUITY SHARES.

SINCE THE ISSUACE OF THE DECREE IN EARLY 1977, ALL FOREIGN INVESTORS HAVE BEEN ON NOTICE THAT THEY MUST COMPLY BY SELLING SPECIFIED PERCENTAGES OF THEIR SHARES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

TO DATE, THE LEVELS OF COMPENSATION OFFERED OR SUGGESTED
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BY THE NIGERIAN CAPITAL ISSUES COMMISSION ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW BOOK VALUE. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FOREMOST INTERNATIONAL, OWNERS OF FOREMOST DAIRIES (NIGERIA) LTD., SEEKING USG SUPPORT FOR THE FIRM'S POSITION THAT IT IS BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE SENDING A MESSAGE TO EMBASSY LAGOS ASKING FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND SUGGESTING A LOW KEY APPROACH TO INDUSTRIES PERMANENT SECRETARY ALHAJI ABUBAKAR ALHAJI. (HE WAS LEADER OF THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO THE BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS HELD HERE IN APRIL.) SINCE THE FOREMOST CASE MAY BE PRECEDENT-SETTING, WE HOPE TO CONVINCE THE FMG THAT IF IT IS SERIOUS ABOUT ATTRACTING FOREIGN (ESPECIALLY US) INVESTORS IT CANNOT PURSUE ONE-SIDED POLICIES ON INDIGENIZATION SETTLEMENTS.

YOUR FALL SCHEDULE --

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS--SOME OF THEM STILL TENTATIVE OR PENDING YOUR APPROVAL--WILL CLAIM MUCH OF YOUR TIME OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

--UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE 33RD UNGA FORMALLY OPENS SEPTEMBER 19, WITH GENERAL DEBATE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25. WE EXPECT THE SECRETARY TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR BILATERALS FROM SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH ABOUT OCTOBER 7. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRETARY SEE SOME 14 AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM NIGERIA, THE FRONT LINE, LIBERIA, ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, MAURITANIA, KENYA, CAMEROON, ZAIRE AND CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE. YOU WILL WANT TO BE PRESENT

AT THESE BILATERALS, AS WELL AS CONDUCT YOUR OWN BILATERALS WITH OTHER AFRICAN HEADS OF DELEGATION. WE PLAN TO HANDLE YOUR PARTICIPATION AT THE UNGA IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN 1977 AND ARE ALREADY IDENTIFYING TDY PERSONNEL TO HANDLE AF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

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WE HAVE NO WORD ON THE PRESIDENT'S POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S UNGA, BUT THE BETTING IS AGAINST HIS TRAVELING TO NEW YORK. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED TO FRANK WISNER THAT THE PRESIDENT RECEIVE IN WASHINGTON

SEVERAL AFRICAN PRESIDENTS WHO WILL OR ARE LIKELY TO ATTEND THE UN SESSION. OAU PRESIDENT NIMEIRI (WHO WILL ATTEND THE UNGA) HEADS OUR LIST. AHIDJO OF CAMEROON, WHOSE TRAVEL PLANS ARE UNKNOWN, IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY. ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES ARE YHOMBY-OPANGO, WHO WILL ATTEND AND HAS ASKED TO MEET THE PRESIDENT; SEKOU TOURE, WHO WILL ALSO ATTEND AND HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN A BRIEF MEETING; AND LAMIZANA, WHO IS LIKELY TO GO TO NEW YORK AND WANTS TO MEET PRESIDENT CARTER.

--THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE COMES HARD ON THE HEELS OF AF'S UNGA PARTICIPATION. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR OUR AFRICAN AMBASSADORS TO MEET BEGINNING OCTOBER 8 AT AIRLIE HOUSE, RETURNING TO THE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 10-12 FOR CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS. LANNON WALKER IS WORKING WITH AF/P, AF/I AND AF/EX ON DETAILS, INCLUDING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, SPEAKERS AND CONGRESSIONAL/OTHER AGENCY PARTICIPATION. WE ARE ASKING AMBASSADORS TO SUGGEST WORTHWHILE ISSUES TO BE COVERED.

--CONFERENCE ON AFRICA POLICY. AF/P IS WORKING WITH PA AND INR ON TENTATIVE PLANS FOR A CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN POLICY AT SAN FRANCISCO ON OCTOBER 20 OR 21. THIS WOULD INVOLVE YOU AND AF AMBASSADORS IN TOWN FOR THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING HOLDING A SIMILAR CONFERENCE IN ANOTHER MAJOR CITY ENROUTE BACK FROM SAN FRANCISCO. WE HOPE TO ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND OTHER SENIOR POLICY MAKERS, AS
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WELL. PHIL HABIB IS ORCHESTRATING THE CALIFORNIA END OF OUR PROPOSED ROAD SHOW. FRANCES COOK HAS CHOSEN THE ROLE OF DOROTHY LAMOUR.

--SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. AF/P WISHES TO REMIND YOU OF THE FOLLOWING INVITATIONS AND STATUS OF EACH:

A. URBAN LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 6-9. STATUS: REGRETS PHONED TO VERNON JORDAN'S OFFICE. (COMMENT: CHIEF BUTHELEZI WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONFERENCE.)

B. WOMEN'S ACTION ORGANIZATION, ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY, RECEPTION AT THE DEPARTMENT, SEPTEMBER 13. YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN, JOINTLY WITH SECRETARY VANCE, TO RECEIVE WAO'S ANNUAL HONOR AWARD AS "THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES." CONGRATULATIONS. ASSUME YOU WILL WANT MAJOR NETWORK COVERAGE BEING ARRANGED BY AF/P.

C. CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS, INVITATION TO DINNER, SEPTEMBER 30. STATUS: TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE. (COMMENT:

MAY CONFLICT WITH UNGA BILATERALS.)

D. ARMY WAR COLLEGE, CARLISLE BARRACKS, INVITATION TO SPEAK, OCTOBER 26. STATUS: TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE. (COMMENT: AF/P RECOMMENDS YOU SEND SUBSTITUTE DUE TO HEAVY SCHEDULE.)

E. AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, BALTIMORE, INVITATION TO SPEAK, NOVEMBER 3. STATUS: TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE. (COMMENT: AF/P BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT YOU GO.)

F. THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM, NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, CHAIRED BY SENATOR CLARK. A LARGE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND AMBASSADOR
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YOUNG PLAN TO ATTEND, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS AFRICAN DIGNITARIES. AF/P RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ATTEND AND EITHER TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT POSTS IN EAST AFRICA, OR VISIT ARABIAN PENINSULA AID DONOR CAPITALS FOR CONSULTATIONS. (FYI: THE ARAB BANK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA IS HEADQUARTERED IN KHARTOUM.)

-- NEED YOUR COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE ON ALL ABOVE, IN PARTICULAR ON SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE PROPOSAL FOR WHICH WE MUST IMMEDIATELY BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS. FURTHER TO THE BENINESE SITUATION IN GABON, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR TIENKEN TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER ATTACKS ON EMBASSY AND USICA EMPLOYEES AND ALSO THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF BENINESE NATIONALS. CHRISTOPHER

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